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To: [Servheen, Chris](#)
Subject: Re:
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If I mischaracterized our discussion, my assumption is that you will let me know. Flying low and fast. Good seeing you. I thought you did a great job answering the questions that arose during the meeting. Rich

Richard Hannan

Sent from my iPad

On Nov 9, 2015, at 10:54 AM, Servheen, Chris <chris_servheen@fws.gov> wrote:

Richard,
Thank you for the courtesy of copying me on this message. Good to see you last week.
Chris

On Mon, Nov 9, 2015 at 9:46 AM, Hannan, Richard <richard_hannan@fws.gov> wrote:

Matt, I want to capture the bottomlines of the YES meeting and the promises I made at the Executive Session.

I promised the federal family that we would not surprise them with a published Proposed Rule and Conservation Strategy. I indicated that we would share drafts of both with them and they would have a least a week to review. I said we likely would not have time for letter writing and my recommendation would be to either have a in-person meeting at the end of the review week and we would work our way through their comments until we are done. I mentioned another approach could be to use a Webinar to do the same.

My suggestion is the meeting would work better. I would also suggest having one meeting with BLM and FS and a separate meeting with the 2 park superintendents. My intuition is that BLM and the FS work with the states all the time and their issues are going to be minor and easily addressed. The issues that may come up with the parks are largely unique to them - boundary hunting and discretionary mortality. I offer that if all are in the room, the dialogue could be captured by one perspective and not everyone would feel heard. Also, it may be harder to find a path forward. I said that if circumstances allow for a longer review time, we will give them more time but no promises were made.

Regarding a YES review, I said I could not promise that the entire YES team will get a review of the draft Conservation Strategy prior to its publication in the FR. I pointed out based on the promise above all the federal family members will have had a chance to review and comment. I indicated if time allows, we MAY be able to give them a shot at it before publication but again

no promises were made. YES is trying to be relevant and wants to help FWS and thereby set a "special meeting" on February 8-9th in case a draft is ready for their consideration. I indicated that if we have to publish the CS prior to their consideration, they could have their meeting and discussion during the open comment period. I also indicated, as you did, that regardless of the process the Service would not move forward without a YES approved CS, so the substance of their counsel is preserved.

I hope you had a great hunt. I did have to work the phone lines on this issue to make sure I knew the sideboards. I had calls with Noreen and Gary F. Bob D. called me to discuss the situation. I did not hand out any materials because I judged they might raise more concerns than not. As it was, all but 2 comments from the public were strongly against delisting. I been at funner meetings than this one! rich

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"Try to learn something about everything and everything about something." - Thomas Huxley.